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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 40 and 41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 40 and 41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

1. Claims 1-38 and 40-42 were previously pending in this application. Claims 40-41 were amended, and claims 1-38 and 42 were canceled in the reply filed September 17, 2007. Claims 40-41 are currently pending in this application.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on September 17, 2007 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's amendment to claim 41 overcomes the rejection made under § 101 and it is withdrawn.
4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 40-41 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

5. Claim 41 is objected to because of the following informalities: the preamble to the claims opens with "A computer program comprising..." which makes the claim appear to be directed to the non-statutory program itself rather than the statutory storage medium. Appropriate correction is required. Examiner suggests merely striking the words "A

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computer program comprising" to overcome this objection. Additionally, "psuedo" in line 4 appears to be a typographical error. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 40 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lorch, et al., Intl. Pat. Pub. No. WO 02/51051 (Reference 1 of the IDS submitted 5/23/2005).

8. As per claim 40, Lorch teaches a system for routing a mail object in a postal service to a designated person, the system comprising: means for registering a pseudo name (page 11, line 18) and providing instructions for one or more mail services in a user profile associated with the pseudo name (page 11, line 19), the user profile having a designated time frame for which the user profile is active (page 20, line 8); means for determining a registered pseudo name to locate the user profile associated with the registered pseudo name (page 12, lines 4-6); and means for executing the instructions for the one or mail services during the designated active time frame in the user profile (page 12, lines 7-8, 14-15).

9. As per claim 41, Lorch teaches a computer program comprising a computer readable storage medium having a computer readable program for a mail service which when executed on a computer causes the computer to: store a pseudo name to be displayed on the mail object (page 10, lines 2-3) and a user profile associated with the pseudo name (page 28, lines 12-14), the user profile providing instructions for one or

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more mail services (page 11, line 19); determine the registered pseudo name displayed on the mail object to locate the user profile (page 10, lines 12-13); and store a designated time frame for which the user profile is active (page 22, lines 14-16).

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Law, U.S. Pat. No. 7,058,586 (Reference A of the attached PTO-892) teaches a web server that includes a plurality of recipient preference profiles corresponding to the plurality of recipients, respectively, and a plurality of sender profiles corresponding to the plurality of senders, respectively; wherein each of the recipient preference profiles includes respective information directed to the recipient's preferences for receiving messages such as mail items. Dillard, et al., U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2004/0153425 (Reference B of the attached PTO-892) teaches a method of capturing customer profile information and encoding the information on a label affixed to the customer's submitted mailpiece. Hilbush, et al., U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0038758 (Reference C of the attached PTO-892) teaches methods for shipping a package from a package sender to an intended recipient, utilizing Internet communications to place shipping orders, request on demand package pickup, maintain and utilize prestored profile information, view shipping history, track orders, etc.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel P. Vetter whose telephone number is (571) 270-1366. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8am to 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hayes can be reached on (571) 272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

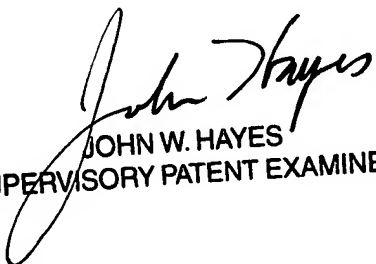
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